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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES BOARD

Minutes of the Twenty-First Meeting at 1430, 18 May 1970

DCI Conference Room

Lt. General Robert E. Cushman, Jr., Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, presiding, and Mr. Ray S. Cline, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, and Mr. Robert F. Froehlke, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Administration and Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, were present. Others attending included Vice Admiral Harold G. Bowen, USN, DASD(I), Mr. Robert D. Crane from State/INR, and Mr. John A. Bross, Maj. Gen. Jack E. Thomas, USAF (Ret), and [redacted] from the DCI Staff. Vice Admiral Noel Gayler, Director, NSA, and [redacted] of NSA were present for the second and third items; [redacted] of the DCI Staff for the third item, and [redacted] of the DCI Staff for the last item.

Item 1 - Approval of Minutes

Purpose: Obtain Board approval of Minutes for Twentieth Meeting, 27 March 1970.

Action: Minutes approved as circulated.

Discussion: Mr. Froehlke requested that Minutes be disseminated as soon as possible after each meeting, because he would like to circulate them to the Directors of DIA and NSA for comment. Admiral Bowen asked that the agenda and necessary supporting papers be distributed to Board members at least a week prior to a scheduled meeting. It was agreed an effort would be made to do this, although in unusual circumstances it might not be possible.

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25X1 Discussion: [] Chairman, CIRIS Committee, reported CIA inputs for CIRIS-70 are in, with State and Defense inputs still to come. GDIP and NRP data will be developed from the POMs which are to reach DASD(I) within a week and hopefully will be available for CIRIS use before the end of May. NSA is providing good support by making available machine tapes from which CIRIS data can be developed.

25X1 [] reported DASD(I) was preparing format guidance to enable intelligence program managers to begin work on CIRIS-71. A working group to plan the intermesh of community data for CIRIS-71 is already functioning and it is hoped draft guidance will be completed by 1 June and be issued in agreed form by mid-June. Admiral Gaynor emphasized the need for planning a major software program.

25X1 Costs and technical security problems associated with providing a CIRIS/GDIP computer terminal in DASD(I) offices were described by []. No final recommendations have been formulated but the least expensive setup would be a teletypewriter-type send-receive terminal installation costing about [] or less if the equipment can be obtained from already-purchased stock within DoD. Line rental would be less than [] per month. Upon completion of the working group consideration of this problem, D/DCI/NIPE will prepare a written reply to Mr. Froehke for General Cushman's signature.

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Item 5 - Status Report on The ELINT Review

Purpose: To bring the Board up to date.

Action: The Board noted [] status report.

Discussion: [] reported that a complete set of sample inputs had been distributed to DOD, CIA and the USIP [] for validation or modification. Returns are expected in the near future. Except for changes that might result from modified inputs the computer program is essentially ready. Important interactions between ELINT and COMINT is one case for which modification of the computer program might be needed. It is estimated that significant results will be available three to four weeks after agreed inputs have been received. Results with respect to specific decision issues could then quickly follow their identification during the review process.

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3. Reports on CIRIS

Before [] presented his reports, Admiral Gayler declared that it was desirable to move as quickly as possible to develop guidance regarding the format for CIRIS-71. General Cushman and Mr. Froehlke concurred.

[] introduced a colleague, [] who had assisted in the preparation of the reports. Regarding CIRIS-70, [] reported that CIA's contribution had been received. He said that a small State contribution and the DOD contribution were expected soon. He said that the DOD contribution would be drawn from the POMs which were due in Mr. Froehlke's office by the end of this week. He expressed the hope that the CIRIS data to be derived from POMs would be compatible with other CIRIS information. He said that he hoped to receive the DOD CIRIS inputs from Mr. Froehlke's office sometime during the last week in May. [] also reported that NSA support to the NIRB staff on the CIRIS exercise had been excellent. He expected to receive data on tapes from NSA and this data would be transcribed by hand in CIA into the CIRIS computer format. After this had been done [] said that he hoped to be able to produce data which would be helpful to Admiral Bowen for completing his DOD CIRIS submissions by 5 July.

Regarding CIRIS-71, [] noted that Admiral Bowen was preparing guidance on the format in order to permit the intelligence ^{managers} program members to begin work on next year's expanded report as a

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as possible. He said that he hoped to circulate the draft guidance on CIRIS-71 by 1 June and issue it in agreed form by mid-June.

STAT [] then gave a preliminary report of a working level ^{base} examination of Mr. Froehle's proposal that he be able to draw the CIRIS data in CIA. [] said that the NIRB working group had come down to two principal concepts for terminal equipment in Mr. Froehle's office. He emphasized that these findings applied regardless of the location of the computer data base. He said that the best first step would be to install a keyboard teletypewriter with sending and receiving capability which would be tied to the computer. There would also have to be scrambling equipment at both ends of security reasons. He said that other security questions involving [] would have to be considered. He said that the approximate cost of this basic installation would be about [] He noted that this might be reduced if Mr. Froehle could locate a spare teletype machine and not have to buy a new one. [] said that a more expensive step ^{with a viewing screen} would be to install, in addition, a cathode ray tube. He said that this would more than double the cost (about [] extra), would involve a long lead time in obtaining the gear, and ~~that it~~ would involve special security measures to shield against emissions. [] noted that the task group would probably recommend that Mr. Froehle adopt the teletypewriter installation as a first step.

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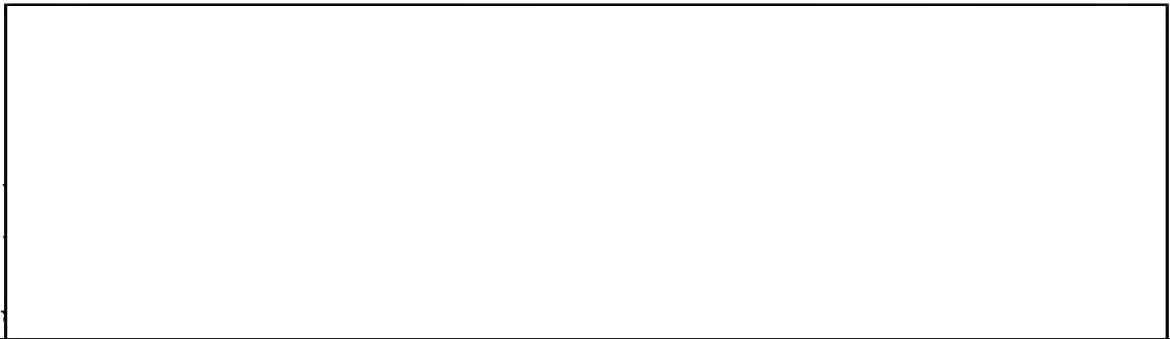
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[] noted that other questions such as the kind of computer to be used and the security of other information in the computer were solvable although he did not yet have recommendations. He cautioned that there would probably be additional costs in supporting the operation of the new ^{on-line} ~~existing~~ system. Admiral Gayler agreed and said that in connection with the entire CIRIS exercise there should be planning for a major software problem. [] said that he hoped to be able to make a final report on Mr. Froehlke's request at the next NIRB meeting. General Cushman concurred and noted that a formal written reply would have to be addressed to Mr. Froehlke.

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Action: NIPE Staff to prepare written reply to Mr. Froehlke for General Cushman's signature upon completion of working group's deliberations.



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5. Status Report on the ELINT Study

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[] presented his status report along the lines of the material previously issued to NIRB members.

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